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1. U.S. COVERAGE:

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ITEMS ABOUT:

--STATEMENTS BY ANGELA DAVIS ABOUT VIOLATIONS OF

HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE US (IZ,PR)

--SOVIET DISSATISFACTION OVER THE SIZE OF THE

NEW PENTAGON BUDGET IN AN ANSWER GIVEN BY IZVESTIYA
TO A LETTER FROM A PENSIONER.

--THE PERSECUTION OF AMERICAN INDIANS BY US
RACISTS (IZ)

--THE DEVELOPMENT OF US LASER BEAM WEAPONS
SUITABLE FOR USE EITHER AGAINST OR FROM SATELLITES
(PR, KZ).

--THE EXISTENCE OF 23 MILLION ILLITERATE AMERICAN
CITIZENS, REPORTEDLY PER HEW REPORT (PR).

2. MIDDLE EAST:

--PRAVDA AND KZ REPORT NEWSWEEK INTERVIEW
WITH KING HUSSEIN. KING, REPORTEDLY ADMITTING
JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT TOOK CIA MONEY, MENTIONS
"IDENTICAL INTERESTS" BETWEEN U.S. AND JORDAN.
PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPORTED STATEMENT TO CONGRESSIONAL
LEADERS THAT HUSSEIN IS "MOST RELIABLE SOURCE OF
INFORMATION IN ME" IS MENTIONED IN THESE ARTICLES AS
WELL AS IN SEPARATE IZVESTIYA PIECE.

--SEVERAL ARTICLES IN PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA DRAW
ATTENTION TO CONTINUED TENSION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON
CAUSED BY MILITARY ACTIVITY OF RIGHTIST-CHRISTIAN
FORCES WITH ISRAELI SUPPORT.

--PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY YU GLUKHOV
PUTS UNHRC DEBATE ON ISRAELI OCCUPATION POLICIES
IN CONTEXT OF WESTERN HYPOCRISY ON HUMAN RIGHTS.
LATTER IS EXEMPLIFIED BY UNHRC CONDEMNATION OF SOUTH
AFRICA'S POLICIES TOWARD BLACKS, AND STRASBOURG
(EUROPEAN COURT FOR DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS) DIS-
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DISCUSSION OF UK POLICIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA NOTE EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN-
SUDANESE SUMMIT MEETING IN KHARTOUM.

3. AFRICA:

--V. KOROVNIKOV IN PRAVDA DESCRIBES FUNERAL
SERVICES FOR RECENTLY SLAIN ETHIOPIAN TU OFFICIAL
WHO, SAYS KOROVNIKOV, STRUGGLED AGAINST ANARCHISTS
AND RIGHT TRADE UNIONISTS - "PUPILS" OF AMERICAN TU
BOSSSES.

--IZVESTIYA "PRESS-SERVICE" DESCRIBES U.S.-
UGANDAN RELATIONS IN TERMS WHICH IMPLY SOVIET SUPPORT FOR
AMIN'S ASSURANCES ON SAFETY OF U.S. CITIZENS, AND
CYNICISM ABOUT U.S. EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN AND POSSI-
BLE MILITARY STANDBY MEASURES. KZ DESCRIBES AS
"UNDISGUISED BLACKMAIL" DEPLOYMENT OF ENTERPRISE TO
EAST AFRICA WATERS. TASS ADDIS ABABA ARTICLE LINKS
THIS "MILITARY-POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION" WITH EVENTS
IN BENIN, ETHIOPIA, ANGOLA, AND GUINEA AND STATES THAT

U.S. PRESENTLY IS THREATENING UGANDA.

--L. POCHIVALOV IN PRAVDA DESCRIBES SOVIET-NIGERIAN AGREEMENT ON CONSTRUCTION OF TWO HUGE (807 KM LONG) SYSTEMS OF OIL PIPE LINES, ONE FROM BARRI TO LAGOS, THE OTHER FROM LAGOS TO ILORIN.

4. ASIA:

--ALLCENTRAL MEDIA REPORT THE FEBRUARY 28 DEPARTURE FROM PEKIN "ON BUSINESS" OF SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER IL'ICHEV, CHIEF OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE BORDER TALKS. (COMMENT: IL'ICHEV STAYED IN PEKING FOR THREE MONTHS THIS TIME, HAVING LEFT MOSCOW ON NOVEMBER 26. THIS IS SLIGHTLY LONGER THAN THE AVERAGE IN RECENT YEARS. END COMMENT.)

--ON LAOS, IZVESTIYA'S INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY BY A. TER-GRIGORYAN IS A STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIENTIANE'S "CLEAR PATH" SINCE CHOOSING THE "SOCIALIST" APPROACH. THE ARTICLE CHARGES, HOWEVER THAT "REACTIONARY CIRCLES" CONTINUE TO STAGE PROVOCATIONS "FROM THE TERRITORY OF THAILAND."

--IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT SOVIET-JAPANESE FISHING TALKS BEGAN IN MOSCOW ON FEBRUARY 28 BETWEEN DELEGATIONS HEADED BY JAPANESE AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRIES MINISTER SUZUKI AND SOVIET FISHERIES MINISTER ISHKOV.

5. EUROPE:

--PRAVDA CARRIES A LONG TURGID THEORETICAL PIECE BY "A. VIKTOROV" CALLED "HISTORICAL MISSION OF THE WORKING CLASS." THE OPERATIVE PORTION OF WHICH CONCERNS THE WORK MARXIST-Leninist PARTIES IN "BOURGEOIS" POLITICAL CONTEXTS. IN APPARENT REFERENCE TO WEST EUROPEAN CP, "VIKTOROV" ASSERTS THAT "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MOVE TO SOCIALISM IN THE FRAMEWORK OF BOURGEOIS STATES, OF BOURGEOIS DEMOCRACY," AND HE CITES BREZHNEV'S STATEMENT ON CHILE AT THE 25TH PARTY CONGRESS--THAT THE REVOLUTION, TO SUCCEED, "MUST BE ABLE TO DEFEND ITSELF." LEST THE POINT BE MISSED, "VIKTOROV" ALSO QUOTES LENIN THAT COMMUNISTS MUST BE PREPARED TO USE "ALL ARMS", AND TO BE READY TO SHIFT FROM ONE TO ANOTHER RAPIDLY. TOON

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